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## COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Noncompliance received from the Patent and Trademark Office on March 14, 2001. Applicant is resubmitting the enclosed Amendment in compliance with the current rule changes.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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